Central Government to complete all ..preliminary steps before the sumis-sion of the Kerala Scheduled Tribes (Restriction on Transfer of Lands and Restriction of Alienated Lands) Amendment Bill, 1996 for the consideration of the President within two months from the date of issuing the direction; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in its Order dated 24.3.1997 has directed the Union of India to complete all preliminary steps required to be taken before submission of the Bill for the consideration of the President and submit the same to the President as early as possible, at any rate within a period of two months from 24.3.1997.

The Union Government has taken expeditious action to complete all preliminary steps in this regard.

Abolition of Deam Benefit Scheme for Advocates in Orissa

4088. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it s a fact that the Scheme regarding Death Benefit, concerning advocates under Orissa Bar Council has been abolished by virtue of resolution dated 9th May, 1996;

(b) whether the resolution amounts to violation of natural justice; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Constitution of panel of jurists

4089. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pelased to state:

(a) whether Government are con-templating to constitute a panel of jurists to go into the necessity to streamline varoius laws, statutes existing in our country in order to avoid harassment to law abiding citizens; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KiALAP): (a) Constitution of a panel of retired judges may be one of the alternatives to review the outdated laws.

(b) The final decision is yet to be taken.

Pending claims of motor accidents in Madras High Court

4090. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of cases relating to motor accidents claims have been pending for disposal in the High Court of Madras;

(b) if so, out of these cases how many cases have been disposed off during 1996 and upto date;

(c) whether considering this as a welfare measure any steps have been taken by the Hon'ble High Court for the speedy disposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (d) The information is being collected from the Re-